

(b) Despite steady progress achieved in oilseed production as a whole and also expected record production of rapeseed and mustard, there exists a gap between demand for and supply of edible oils. With a view to bridge this gap partly, Govt. has decided to import edible oils after taking into consideration the related factors.

(c) Central Govt. has directed the State Govts/UTs to have strict surveillance on the availability and price of edible oils and to undertake dehording operations. The stock limits of oilseeds and oils by dealers/processors and manufacturers of edible oils continues to be on lower scales. The Storage Central Order is being strictly enforced and strict actions are being taken against hoarders and blackmarketeers in edible oilseeds and oils.

Decision on the Awards Given by Board of Arbitration (JCM)

3552. SHRI DHARMANNA MONDAYA SADUL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken any decision on the awards given by the Board of Arbitration set up under the scheme for Joint Consultative Machinery and compulsory arbitration for Central Government Employees (JCM) on encashment of half pay leave on superannuation and encashment of half pay leave while in service;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the time by which the decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI MATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (c) The Awards given by the Board of Arbitration for encashment of half pay leave on superan-

uation and earned leave (not half pay leave) while in service are being processed in accordance with the prescribed procedure. Final decision in the matter is yet to be taken.

[*Translation*]

Setting up of Petro-Chemical Projects

3653. SHRI SHEELA GAUTAM:
SHRI TEJ NARAYAN SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) The names of the States which had proposed the Union Government to set up petro-chemical projects in their States during the period of the Seventh Plan; and

(b) The names of the States which had offered 40% equity share and direct partnership to the Union Government for the setting up of petro-chemical projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) Most of the States came up with proposals for setting up of one petrochemical project or the other in their respective territories during the Seventh Plan period. No proposal for Central Government's 40% equity participation in any of such projects, however, materialised.

[*English*]

Mixing of Oils

3654. SHRI HARIN PATHAK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have permitted to mix different oils in the edible oil,

(b) whether the quality of the oil to be

mixed has been examined keeping in view the health point of view; and

(c) if so, the types of oils proposed to be mixed which may be hygienic for human body?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (b). Yes, Sir. Government has allowed ad-mixture of any two edible vegetable oils which are hygienic for human body.

Import of Edible Oils

3655. SHRI SANAT MANDAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government have been invited to the news-item captioned "Failure of voluntary price scheme promoted oil import" appearing in the 'Observer of Business & Politics', New Delhi dated February 12, 1992;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereof;

(d) at which stage stands the import of 3 lakh tonnes of edible oil the quantity of import and the capital outlay involved therein in foreign exchange;

(e) the effective measures being taken to implement the voluntary price fixation scheme; and

(f) the estimated crops of mustard and rapeseed during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY CIVIL SUPPLS, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a), (b), (c) and (e). There was no voluntary price fixation scheme or ceiling on prices of groundnut oil. The traders has only positively responded to Government's appeal and agreed to bring down the prices by Rs. 4 or Rs. 5 per kg. of loose groundnut oil at retail stage. At Ahmedabad and Bombay, prices again went out of control of the traders and they ultimately declared their helplessness. However, since third week of January, 1992 the prices of groundnut oil have registered a considerable fall.

(d) State Trading Corporation has contracted to import a quantity of 1.08 lakh tonnes valued at Rs. 104.76 crores CIF approx. of RBD palmolein. As against this, full contracted quantity of about 1.07 lakh MTs valued at Rs. 103.51 crores CIF approx. has arrived after allowing for 2% tolerance.

(f) As per preliminary estimates, the production of mustard and rapeseed during 1991-92 will be around 58-60 lakh tonnes.

Nehru Rozgar Yojana

3656. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Nehru Rozgar Yojana is facing crises;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) whether there is lack of coordination and Co-operation between Nehru Rozgar Yojana authorities and Bank authorities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the remedial steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.